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1. The airfield is located on the southwestern perimeter of Saratov (51°34'N/46°02'E), Saratov Oblast, east of the ball bearing factory. A taxiway led to an aircraft plant located 500 meters north of the field. (1)
2. Three large hangars were on the northern section of the field, which was generally occupied by a maximum of 30 aircraft, mostly twin-engine bombers with full-view cockpit, double rudder assembly and landing gear retracting inward. (2) Some single-engine fighters with in-line engines and landing gear retracting inward were parked beside the twin-engine bombers. Jet fighters with swept-back wings and rudder assemblies tapering upward to the rear were seen over the field from the beginning of 1949. There was intensive day and night flying. Individual and local flights were mostly made. Of the jet fighters only one or two were seen in the air at a time. (3)
3. A permanent barracks block and five temporary buildings, located approximately 200 meters south of the field, were occupied by air force officers and officer candidates. The officers wore blue-bordered golden epaulets, the officer candidates wore epaulets with golden longitudinal braids crossed by one wide yellow braid.

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Comments.

(1) The report refers to the factory airfield of Air Frame
 (2) The aircraft probably are not bombers but twin-engine commercial planes which are used by the factory for the transportation of materials.
 (3) The flights observed are undoubtedly test flights by the planes manufactured

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